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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

1. THE WHITE HOUSE RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON
AUGUST 18 CONCERNING THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM
AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION:

QTE. THIS WEEK REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY NATIONS ARE
MEETING IN GENEVA IN A WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM
AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

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THE CONFERENCE MARKS THE MID-POINT OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINA-
TION, A DECADE WHOSE INITIATION THE UNITED STATES
STRONGLY SUPPORTED. BUT THE UNITED STATES IS UNABLE TO
PARTICIPATE IN THIS POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT CONFERENCE,
ALTHOUGH WE WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE PROCEEDINGS, BECAUSE
THE DEFINITION OF "RACISM" HAS BEEN PERVERTED FOR

POLITICAL ENDS BY INCLUDING ZIONISM AS ONE OF ITS FORMS.
THE UNITED STATES CANNOT ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THE DECADE
SO LONG AS IT ENDORSES THE PATENTLY FALSE DEFINITION
OF ZIONISM AS A FORM OF RACISM.

INSTEAD, WE HOPE THAT THIS CONFERENCE WILL RETURN TO
THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THE DECADE, SO THAT WE MIGHT
REJOIN THIS INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO ELIMINATE RACISM
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE WILL WORK TOWARDS THIS END
BECAUSE WE KNOW THE CHALLENGE THAT RACISM POSES, AND
FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY WE HAVE STRUGGLED TO HEAL ITS
SCARS. WE KNOW OUR GOALS HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY ACCOMP-
LISHED, YET WE ARE ENCOURAGED AND DEEPLY COMMITTED TO
THEM. DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, WE WILL CONTINUE
TO PURSUE THIS GREAT COMMON PURPOSE IN THE CONTEXT OF
OTHER UNCOMPROMISED EFFORTS.

WE CALL ON ALL NATIONS TO RESPECT THE ORIGINAL OBJECTIVES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE AGAINST RACISM AND TO
RESIST EFFORTS THAT DISTORT ITS PURPOSE AND ERODE ITS
MORAL FORCE. UNQTE.

2. FOR GENEVA: STATEMENT SHOULD BE USED IN ANY WAY
DEEMED APPROPRIATE IN FURTHERANCE OF OUR CONFERENCE
OBJECTIVES.

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3. FOR GENEVA: WOULD APPRECIATE REPORTS ON COVERAGE
GIVEN STATEMENT IN GENEVA AND ANY REACTIONS TO THE
STATEMENT OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. CHRISTOPHER

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